Dear Bruce,

12/7/84

I'm glad there is good news with the bad. Have you given any thought to how you'd carry your work on the Commission forward? Would it have to be, for example, on the Commission itself? If not but on the same general subject, may I suggest that you consider a study of how some other institution worked, or failed to? I think that if you were to consider this and the FBI it would amount to a career. And if you pick the CIA, you'd never get them to cough anything up.

Of course there will be Commission possibilities after you finish your dissertation. You'll know better then.

But it sounds very exciting and very worthwhile! Hope it works out for you!

I'm amazed that the table of contents is missing in your copy of PM. If you know how they are printed you'd be baffled, too - continuous belt process. Lil is making a copy to enclose.

Maybe your adviser will have bragged a bit more when you show him what I sent you this morning to go with the Katzenbach memo to Moyers.

If an older man may presume to give advice on your personal problem, I suggest that to begin with you not push too hard and at the same time reflect an understanding and appreciation of the reaction.. And at the same time be aware of the possibility that at another time in the future you may get into something else with great intensity. What then?

Very few people want to be widowed by work, if that is how they conceive it, and fewer still want to be subordinated to another's work.

And nobody at all wants not to have enough attention paid.

I hope that whatever the future brings it is what is best for you.

Sometimes these things do work themselves out.

Get your dissertation behind you as rapidly as you can and maybe that will make a difference.

When you go to the Archives again you know where you can stay if nothing is available closer. And you may want to discuss the grant project with Gerry Mc Knight, who is about 5 minutes from here.

Glad your work here was worthwhile and so pleasing to your adviser.

Best wishes,